

## A GOLD BRICK MAN.

He Is Arrested on Quincy Street Today.

After Swindling an Aged Farmer Out of \$1,000.

HE'S ALL INNOCENCE.

The "Sturdy Old Yeoman" Still Undeceived.

Believes That the Brick is Pure Gold.

A red whiskered man who gives his name as George Gordon, was arrested in Topeka today by Sheriff Naylor of Jackson county and ex-Chief of Police John W. Gardner of Topeka. He is charged with having swindled \$1,000 out of Henry C. Trener, who lives on a farm two miles south of Holton.

Monday evening, Gordon, as he calls himself, called at the farm of Trener, who is 70 years old, and worked himself into the old man's confidence. On Tuesday Gordon came back from the woods on the old man's farm and told him that there was an Indian camped down there who had a bar of gold that weighed forty pounds, that he desired to sell. The Indian said he had discovered a gold mine in Arizona, and this was a sample of the gold.

He finally brought the brick up to the old man to look at and asked him to bore a piece out of it. He did with a brace and bit. Gordon then took the boring back to the Indian's camp where he said he would melt them into a lump that would be easier taken care of. Soon he came back with the lump and it was tested by an alleged jeweler who said it was worth \$2,000 an ounce. This, of course, would make the bar worth \$8,000. The Indian would sell the bar for half of that and it would be a great scheme if they could buy the bar together and take it to the mint at Philadelphia and sell it. The Indian must have something on the brick, however, so Trener went to Holton and borrowing \$1,000 on his farm and stock, Gordon had some influence over the Indian, who, by the way, Trener never saw, and he was to take possession of the brick and he and Trener would come to Topeka, where the exchange would be made, and they would go on to the mint to cash in. The Indian was to stay till they got back.

People at Holton had tried to dissuade Trener from making the trade, but he would not listen, so finally the sheriff took the matter into his own hands and followed Trener to Topeka at 2 o'clock today, where he was to meet Gordon. They met near the Chesterfield hotel and walked over to Quincy street. Naylor and Gardner followed them, saw the exchange and let the men get apart before they arrested them, and took Gordon to the county jail.

Gordon is a medium sized man, with heavy red whiskers, and very wisely will say nothing about the case.

Trener is a small man and is certainly the most glib being it was ever the fortune of a confidence man to run across. He still believes the brick is good gold and is right.

The Indian in the case is supposed to be a myth.

The \$1,000 in cash is in possession of Sheriff Burdge and the only thing Gordon succeeded in getting was \$35 that Trener had let him have to pay starting expenses on.

## MORTON WILL WRITE.

The Ex-Vice President Considering His gubernatorial Candidacy.

REINBECK, N. Y., Aug. 30.—Ex-Vice President Morton is busy with the preparation of a letter on the subject of his candidacy for the governorship. He returned from New York last night, after having consulted with a number of Republican leaders.

"I am now getting ready for my statement," said Mr. Morton today. "At the latest now I will have something by tomorrow or Sunday. It is an important matter and I want plenty of time. I shall be at work today on it."

Church Extension Board.

The Kansas conference board of church extension of the M. E. church held its annual meeting last evening in the parlors of the First M. E. church. This board is composed of the following members: Rev. G. S. Dearborn, president; Rev. A. S. Emire, secretary; Rev. W. L. Morris, of Wamego; Rev. J. K. Miller, of Lawrence; Rev. J. R. Madison, Rev. T. J. Ream, Geo. M. Hammel, J. P. Davis and H. F. Kistler. The board decided to grant the church at Argentine a loan of \$1,000 and transacted some other business of a miscellaneous character.

## KANSAS NATIONAL BANK.

A Notice That It Will Close Its Affairs, Paying All Depositors in Full.

A. Washburn, cashier, has issued a notice to all depositors, note holders and creditors of the Kansas National bank to present all their claims for payment as the bank is closing up its affairs and will retire from business.

Funds are on hand to pay all depositors in full on demand.

International Peace Congress.

ANTWERP, Aug. 30.—The international peace congress was opened here today. An American delegate spoke at length on the growth of arbitration as a symptom that the most highly civilized nations were preparing to give up war.

Guilt of Fraudulent Banking.

HARLAN, Ia., Aug. 30.—At the trial of A. W. Dickerson, cashier of the broken Cass county bank of Atlantic, Ia., the prisoner pleaded guilty on the charge of fraudulent banking.

Democrats Endorse Populists.

CHICAGO, Ia., Aug. 30.—The Democratic congressional convention in the Seventh district today endorsed J. R. Bancroft, of this city, the Populist nominee.

## MRS. ASTOR WAS VERY MAD

Her Trusted Gardener Kept Boarders at Her Country Place in Winter.

NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 30.—Mrs. Wm. Astor, who lives at her beautiful country place, Beachwood, in Bellevue avenue, for several months every summer, was astonished a few days ago to learn that her trusted gardener, John Hammond, had been using the place in her absence, all last winter, as a boarding house.

When the story came to her she could hardly believe it, for Hammond's father worked for the late William Astor years ago as gardener, and the son had almost grown up in the family. He was a member of the common council of Newport. When Mrs. Astor accused him, it is said he denied the story, but if that is so, it was of no avail with her, she discharged him on the spot.

The trust reposed in Hammond made it particularly easy for him to carry his plan into execution. He and his wife lived in the lodge in summer, but when Mrs. Astor left for town in the autumn, they transferred themselves and their belongings to the house itself, where Mrs. Hammond entered upon the duties of housekeeper.

Hammond conceived the idea of making Beachwood a temporary boarding house. He thought Mrs. Astor would not like to have the boarders sleep in her best rooms, so he chose all those in the rear of the house and fitted them out with cots. After everything had been arranged John looked about him for his boarders. There were carpenters, and plasterers and other workmen who were employed in interior alterations in some of the big houses along Bellevue avenue.

To these he went, and told in glowing colors the life he could offer them at a country villa, and he said that it would not be very dear.

He advanced the argument that they would be much nearer to the water than they would be if they lived in town, and that they would all be there together and might have a jolly time.

The picture was a pretty one to the carpenters and plasterers, and Hammond had no difficulty in filling his fifteen cots.

That it was a quiet boarding house is established by the fact that throughout the winter nobody in the neighborhood guessed that Beachwood was a boarding house.

Even Mrs. Astor, who has been here all summer, has only just found it out.

## SHOT IN A QUARREL.

One Man Killed and Another was Fatally Wounded at Hartford, Kans.

EMPORIA, Kans., Aug. 30.—In a quarrel at Hartford last night over the killing of some chickens Richard McAvoy shot and fatally wounded George Thomas and McAvoy was shot three times and almost instantly killed by Fred Rhodes, Thomas' brother-in-law. The trouble started between McAvoy and a neighbor named A. L. Burton, the latter having killed two or three chickens belonging to McAvoy.

Rhodes and Thomas who lived across the street ran over and got mixed up in the quarrel, when Burton withdrew and witnessed the shooting from his door. When Thomas took part in the quarrel McAvoy turned upon him and fired a load of buckshot into his neck afterwards beating him over the head with the stock of his gun.

He then went after Rhodes, who drew his revolver as he ran and fired three shots, two of them striking McAvoy in the breast and one in the temple. McAvoy fell to the ground and died in about an hour. Rhodes is now in jail.

## CLEVELAND AT HOME.

The President Reaches Gray Gables Apparently in Good Health.

BUZZARDS BAY, Aug. 30.—President Cleveland is once more with his family and settled down for a short vacation at Gray Gables. The light house tender, John Rodgers, with the president and party, was sighted in the bay off here about 10 o'clock this morning, and soon after she arrived at a point opposite Gray Gables and headed in toward the wharf.

The Rodgers came to anchor just off Gray Gables wharf and a few minutes later Mr. Cleveland stepped into a boat with a party and was rowed ashore.

As he left the steamer the Gray Gables flag was hoisted up to the top of the flagstaff. Mrs. Cleveland was down at the wharf to meet the president and the reunion was most affectionate.

The president and party immediately went into the house, while four marines carried in their luggage.

Mr. Cleveland expects to remain here for four or six weeks and will spend the time in fishing and resting quietly. He was much refreshed by the trip from New York and felt very well.

## THE WEATHER TODAY.

It Is Hot and Indications Are It Will Stay So Several Days.

It is warmer today by half a degree than it was yesterday. At 1:15 this afternoon the thermometer passed the 100 mark on the street level, and even Observer Jennings' instruments climbed up to 103. The heat is moderated, however, by an agreeable south breeze. There is not much prospect of a change for the better in temperature for several days.

The weather map shows the low weather and heat to be almost the same over the entire country today.

## TILLMANITES SWEEP ALL.

He Will Undoubtedly Be Next Senator From South Carolina.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Aug. 30.—Returns from all over the state indicate that only about a two-thirds vote was polled in the primary election. The anti-Tillmanites generally refrained from voting. Tillman carries every county, with the exception of Charleston, Richland and Sumpter, and probably one other.

The legislature will be overwhelmingly for Tillman for United States senator, insuring Senator Butler's defeat. The conservatives will likely run an independent ticket at the general election in November, and that will be Butler's only hope of capturing the legislature. The election was generally quiet.

## Strike Commission Adjourns.

CHICAGO, Aug. 30.—Secretary Edith of the A. R. U. and Mayor Hopkins testified at the afternoon session. After the hearing the commission adjourned to meet in Washington September 26.

## MORE BRUTALITY

At the McCasey Chamber of Horrors,

Known as the Topeka State Insane Asylum.

AN OLD MAN HURT.

He Is Knocked Down by a Slugging Attendant.

His Hip Dislocated and His Condition Serious.

FACTS ARE HIDDEN.

Another Attendant Pounds and Kicks an Unfortunate.

McCasey Seeks to Prevent the Attendant's Discharge.

The STATE JOURNAL has another horror to report from the state insane asylum. The STATE JOURNAL expects to have much of this disagreeable kind of news to print as long as Dr. J. H. McCasey remains there as superintendent.

The disgraceful management of the state insane asylum under the management of Dr. J. H. McCasey becomes more clearly visible every day even to the people who do not want to see.

The latest sensational affair in this state institution is one of heartless cruelty on the part of John Laughlin, an attendant who is one of Dr. McCasey's pets.

Yesterday morning in the brick building where Laughlin is employed in one of the wards an old man was knocked down and so badly injured that an operation will likely have to be performed to save his life. The old man's hip was dislocated.

The injured man, who is one of the most aged patients in the asylum, offended Laughlin in some trifling manner and Laughlin thereupon knocked him down with his fist.

The old man fell in such a manner that his hip was pulled from its socket, and his condition is today reported to be serious.

A few weeks ago another attendant, named Joe Steppen, knocked down and pounded a patient after he was down and then kicked him to make him get up.

Complaint was made to Dr. McCasey about the affair, and he pretended to make an investigation and reported that there was nothing in the story. He was much afraid that the story would reach the ears of the public.

When the state board of charities came around at their last meeting they were complained to about the Steppen case. The board made an investigation which resulted in Steppen's being discharged. Dr. McCasey, with whom he was a great favorite, kept him around a few days and then gave him a recommendation as a first class attendant. Steppen went directly to Clarinda, Iowa, where he at once secured a position on Dr. McCasey's recommendation.

Several other discharged employees have secured positions at Clarinda on the recommendation of Dr. McCasey, and it is believed that no doubt yet a job there if he is unfortunate enough to be discharged by the board. The board doesn't seem to have gumption enough to discharge the cause of all the trouble, Dr. McCasey himself.

Laughlin is registered as a Democrat, and is credited to Anderson county in the list of appointments.

## BRECK CAUSES A DUEL.

One Man Calls Women Who Attend Breckinridge Meetings.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Aug. 30.—A duel to death with knives occurred in Clark county, near Boonesboro yesterday over the scandal feature of the Ashland county contest. John King, a Breckinridge man living in Fayette county, met on the highway his old friend George Cook, who lives in Clark county.

Cook said any woman who went to hear Breckinridge speak was no better than a courtesan. King dismounted from his horse, saying his wife and daughters had heard Breckinridge. Cook insisted it was a shame. He also dismounted. Both drew knives and blood flowed freely until Cook dropped dead. King has escaped.

## CUDDLING BRECKINRIDGE.

Elder McGarvey Preaches Against the Congressman's "Awful Crimes."

LEXINGTON, Aug. 30.—Elder McGarvey, an eminent instructor on theological subjects in the bible college of Kentucky university, and a leader in the Christian church of the south, has again taken up the cudgel against "ol' Breckinridge, using Evangelist Barnes' sermon of Sunday night as his text.

Elder McGarvey is out in a letter today denouncing Barnes as a religious mountebank, who has wandered from one church to another during his remarkably checkered career in and out of the pulpit. He holds up Barnes as a man who has at various times pretended to have received sanctification, the power to heal by appointment and the power to alter the sins of those who confess to him.

After these humbugs were played out, Evangelist Barnes pretended that the Lord watched over him, even to the extent of keeping his organ in tune while it is being jolted over the mountain roads from one meeting to another and as an evidence of his faith he threw away his spectacles and trusted to the Lord to see without them.

Mr. McGarvey adds: "This experiment did not last long. He proclaimed that he then had faith enough to heal the sick and that he would soon have enough to raise the dead. After some years of a

very noted career in Kentucky, he went to India and while there had a revelation from the Lord to the effect that English people are the twelve lost tribes of Israel and that Queen Victoria is the head of the true church. He immediately obtained membership in the Episcopal church, but that church like the Presbyterian, refused to endorse his heresies by putting him into the ministry."

Elder McGarvey follows Mr. Barnes in his very strange career after returning from India. For years he exercised a remarkable influence in Kentucky, but his glory has departed and he no longer obtains and holds the vast audiences that once assembled to hear him.

Several years ago he left here to make his home on a small island off the coast of Florida. The caustic letter concludes with a discussion of biblical parallels between the apostle Paul and the apostle Breckinridge's shortcomings. The closing paragraph is as follows:

"Let it be known once and forever that there is nothing in God's holy book to extenuate the awful crimes proven against Breckinridge, and nothing to furnish an excuse to good people for seeking to re-elect him."

## TO MEET CHARLES CURTIS.

According to Programme, the Procession May Reach Thousands.

The arrangements for the public reception of Congressman Charles Curtis, who will arrive from Washington Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock, have been completed. All citizens have been invited to participate in the reception. The line of march and formation of parade for the reception have been designated as follows:

Parade will move west on Fifth street from the Santa Fe depot to Quincy street, south on Quincy to Eighth avenue, west on Eighth avenue to Kansas avenue, north on Kansas avenue to the city park, where the reception ceremonies take place.

First division—Captain A. J. Kano, commander; aides de camp, Captain A. A. Rowley, David Gregg, Col. J. M. Brown, Riley Ayers.

It will embrace all participating delegations or individual representatives from the First ward, and the country north of the river. This division will form into line promptly at 2 o'clock p. m. All vehicles taking position on Gordon street, west, right resting on Kansas avenue, horsemen and marching clubs taking position on Gordon street, east, right resting on Kansas avenue.

Second division—Capt. A. M. Fuller, commander.

Aides de camp, Second ward, George Gerberick; Third ward, J. G. Samuelson; Fourth ward, Dr. A. J. Hutton; Fifth ward, J. H. Rouse.

It will embrace all participating delegations or individual representatives from the Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth wards, and the country south of the river. This division will form into line promptly at 2 o'clock p. m. and take their positions as follows:

Second ward—Marching clubs and citizens in vehicles, on Quincy street north of Fifth street, right resting on Fifth street.

Third ward—Marching clubs and citizens in vehicles, on Seventh street, west of Quincy street, right resting on Quincy street.

Fourth ward—Marching clubs and citizens in vehicles, on Fifth street, west of Quincy street, right resting on Quincy street.

Fifth ward—Marching clubs and citizens in vehicles, on Eighth avenue, east of Quincy street, right resting on Quincy street.

South side—County delegations, on Seventh street, east of Quincy street, right resting on Quincy street.

The Republican flambeau club, G. A. R. posts, Santa Fe marching club, and all other organized bodies not previously designated, will form on Sixth avenue east of Quincy, right resting on Quincy street.

Marshall's band will take position at Kansas avenue and Gordon street.

Jackson's band will take position at southwest corner of Seventh and Quincy streets.

The Republican drum corps will report to Capt. A. M. Fuller, commander of the Second division of assignment.

A general invitation being extended to all wheelmen to participate in the parade in a body, they are requested to meet on Eighth avenue, west of Quincy, right resting on Quincy street, forming in line under the direction of Morris Stevenson, aides-de-camp.

Headquarters of chief marshal will be established at the court house. The chief marshal directs that division commanders and aides-de-camp report at 2 p. m. to him, mounted, for consultation and instructions.

The sunflower being designated as the badge of the occasion, commanders and aids will wear the same.

By order of C. H. TITUS, Chief Marshal of the Day.

SCOTT KELSEY, A. H. BECKMAN, ALEX. MCNATH, F. R. FOSTER, Aides.

## WHEN BRYAN GOES IN.

He Will Become Editor-in-Chief of the "World-Herald" Saturday.

OMAHA, Neb., Aug. 29.—The World-Herald heads its editorial page with this card:

"With the issue of September 1 Hon. W. J. Bryan will become editor-in-chief of the World-Herald. In making this announcement it is proper to say that the general character of the World-Herald as a newspaper will be maintained. Its editorial policy, however, will be marked out by Mr. Bryan from time to time along the line of his well known political convictions."

Bryan will use the journal to advocate free silver, fusion between the Populists and Democrats on the state ticket, and to further his senatorial candidacy.

Tickets for the Republican rally at Wakarusa Friday, August 31st, are on sale at Kellam's book store and Woolverton's drug store, 703 Kansas avenue, at 40 cents for round trip from Topeka. Trains will leave Meriden at 8:30 a. m. and Topeka at 9 a. m., returning leave Wakarusa at 9:30 a. m.

## COMING ON CRUTCHES

Jerry Simpson Interviewed in Chicago on His Way Home.

Says the Pops Will Carry the State Easily.

ONLY A SIDE ISSUE.

The Democratic State Ticket is So Characterized.

Populists Will Hold Balance of Power in Next Congress.

Will Bar the Road Against Plutocratic Rascality.

CHICAGO, Aug. 30.—Jerry Simpson, reached Chicago last night on his way from Washington to his home at Medicine Lodge, Kas. Mr. Simpson has been a victim of rheumatism for several months past and moves on crutches. He is accompanied by his wife.

"My information is that Kansas is not only safe for the Pops but that we will carry the state easily. What is known as the 'tail-wagging Democracy' there is running a side issue called a state ticket. Those stalwarts are mostly politicians who either hold or expect office and their movements are giving the people but little concern.

"The railroad strikes, the Coxey movement and the industrial upheaval generally have set the laboring masses to thinking. The producing elements, who naturally belong to our ranks, have heretofore let the other fellows do their thinking for them. They are now beginning to think for themselves, and although their circle of thought may be somewhat narrow, it will widen and produce grand results.

"There has been a little handful of us in congress during the last two sessions advocating labor's rights and justice and maintaining in the administration of government. We have not been able to do much, but it looks as if we would have more help in the next congress. There will not then be a big Democratic majority—indeed I doubt much if any party will have a majority.

"I hope and expect that we will hold the balance of power. We can bar the road against trusts and plutocratic rascality. Sooner or later there must come a revolution in regard to the law-making power.

"The money question, which includes the rehabilitation of silver, is the all absorbing one in Kansas and the west. It is the one great question of the recent act of the house in regard to that issue has greatly injured the Democratic party. That party promised a tariff bill that would relieve the people and they enacted a measure that is almost as bad as the McKinley bill.

"The shameful condition of the country and the masses of the people today, is the result of Republican policy for more than a generation of building up trusts and specially favored classes. The tariff bill is less to the liking of the Republicans than they wish to acknowledge. They expected nothing but free trade measures, or none at all. But the bill as passed is so very near McKinley's that they cannot find much reason or excuse for criticizing it.

"Cleveland is not now the man he was when inaugurated. His first bad break was in his extra session measures, and especially his silver bill. His next was in sending troops to Chicago to be used by the corporations. It was one of the most dangerous steps ever taken by any officer of the government in its whole history.

"His next big mistake was his shilly-shally policy on the tariff. First he was standing by the senate and next he flung his support over on this side of the house, and when the bill passed despite his protest he sat down like a spoiled and sulky child and refused to sign."

Mr. Simpson expects to be re-elected to congress and expects to remain in that direction as now better than ever before. He fears, however, his health will not permit him to make much of a campaign.

## ANNE DIGGS HERE AGAIN.

She Says She "Stooped to Personalities and was Justly Punished, Right Away."

Annie L. Diggs is in Topeka today at the residence of Dr. S. McCallin, at the corner of Eighth and Lincoln streets. She has just returned from Texas.

Mrs. Diggs was in Texas three days of last week in attendance at the convention of the state Alliance at Grand View and spoke there on Thursday to a gathering of between fifteen and twenty thousand people.

Mrs. Diggs is no longer speaking for the suffrage amendment only. Her non-partisan days for this campaign are over, and she is now working for the election of the Populist state ticket in Kansas, and throwing in a few words about suffrage in each speech for good measure.

"I tell you Populism is surely growing in this state," said Annie Diggs, when speaking in various parts of the state and have had a good chance to 'feel' the people, particularly the voters. I do not base my faith in this from any demonstration I have seen, for I have not seen anything remarkable in that line. It is a thinking campaign. I know that every shout does not mean a vote, but we are sure to carry the state. It is the undercurrent that is doing the work. I have heard of quantities of voters who will quietly vote the Populist ticket this fall who are not saying anything about it, because they don't want to escape the odium of the publicity that would accompany the open announcement.

"And we are getting great gains for suffrage, too. Though I don't think it will be carried by nearly so large a majority as the Populist ticket, it will surely carry. I meet a great many Republicans

everywhere who say they will not vote against the amendment simply because the Populists put it in their platform.

"The Populists are doing good work for suffrage. I see it has been stated that Populist speakers were not talking for suffrage from their platforms. I wish you would correct that. Everywhere I have gone I have found that all the speakers, without exception, are talking for the amendment. Even the candidates for county offices are working for it.

"I hear nothing of the slanders against the administration over the state. The Populists do not even take the trouble to question them and are not asking as to their origin or whether they are true or not.

"We do not worry about the scare-crow set up for us convention time that the German vote would go back on us if we adopted suffrage. Our thinking German friends are with us just the same. On the other hand the adoption of the amendment has been a great help to the Populist cause here.

Mrs. Diggs would say nothing for publication about her quarrel with Mrs. Lease.

"Of the City park affair I have this to say," she said, "it is the first time I ever stooped to personalities and I was justly punished, right away."

Mrs. Diggs leaves this afternoon for Lawrence where she will spend the night before going to Paola where she is billed to address a Populist meeting tomorrow. She will speak at the Labor Day celebration at Kansas City, Kansas, Monday.

## K. P. OFFICERS ELECTED.

Walter B. Ritchie of Ohio, Made Supreme Chancellor.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—The supreme lodge of Knights of Pythias elected officers today to serve until the next biennial convocation. They are: Supreme Chancellor, Walter B. Ritchie, of Ohio; supreme vice chancellor, Philip T. Colgrove, of Michigan; supreme prelate, Albert Steinhart, of Greenville, Ala.; master of exchequer, Thomas G. Sample, of Allegheny City, Pa.; supreme keeper of records and seal, R. L. C. White, of Nashville, Tenn.; supreme master-at-arms, A. H. Gardner, of New York; supreme inner guard, James Moulton, of New Brunswick; supreme outer guard, John W. Thompson, of Washington, D. C.; president of the board of control, John A. Hinzick of Chicago.

The prize drills will continue today.